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The service that XM Radio provides in their Instant Traffic and Weather service is INVALUABLE!!!! As an over-the-road truckdriver I have come to depend on this service for several reasons namely traffic conditions. I am able to determine my routes into and out of cities well in advance since I can hear the traffic reports long before I reach the congested area. Sure the local stations provide traffic reports BUT they are short and not very detailed. They may work for the local residents BUT as an "out-of-towner" this isn't very helpful. the detail that XM Radio provides is more in-depth and doesn't have local air personalities vying for attention by smart remarks and such and only thinking of their ratings.

As an over-the-road truckdriver I often have to make deliveries and pickups during times of rush hour and the local residents despise trucks fighting for the same space on the hiway during these times.

A question that needs to be addressed is which is more important safety or ratings? As if that was truly a question needing asking.

Also bear in mind the local stations only provide traffic conditions during "rush hour" not for instance just after lunch when I am trying to get across town before the shipper or reciever closes.

In closing let me say the service XM Radio provides is INVALUABLE!!!

THIS SERVICE IS NEEDED!!!!!!

Thank you for your time,

John Bock (a voting American Citizen)